

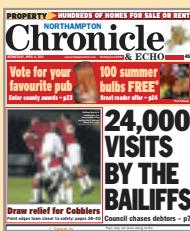
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The past week in Chronicle headlines

Bailiffs were sent to the homes of 24,000 council tax evaders in only three years, new figures from the borough council reveal.



A teenager has appeared in court charged with luring an American woman to secluded woods where he allegedly tried to kill her.



A new "demand-led" bus service in Northamptonshire could see school buses used to pick up passengers after the school run has finished.



Flytipping fears over old tyres

THE cost and difficulty of recycling tyres in Northamptonshire has raised concerns that some people will resort to fly-tipping them.

Dave Mills, aged 61, a retired engineer from Milton Malsor, was first alerted to the difficulties involved in disposing of them when he tried to take some spare wheels to the recycling centre at Sixfields, in Northampton.

He said: "When I took them there I was told I couldn't drop them off and had to take them to a waste centre in Brackmills.

"When I got there I was told they would take them but would charge £3 per wheel to recycle them.

"What is the incentive to recycle tyres when they are charging for recycling? If it becomes so difficult to get rid of them, what is there to encourage people to stop throwing them on the road or in the countryside?"

Alan Heath, from Friends of the Earth Northants, which is campaigning to get the Government to boost recycling, said: "We really want to see recycling improved and it seems crazy to, on one hand, try to encourage recycling but on the other charge them for it."

"The council and taxpayers will have to pay if it goes to landfill or they have to clear up fly-tipping, so it would seem sensible not to

charge for any recycling; it should be as accessible as possible."

Trevor Cooper, franchise owner of HiQ, in Campbell Street, Northampton, said: "We don't encourage people to take their own tyres away.

"When we change tyres we include a £2 charge for their disposal in the price of the new tyre.

"They are very difficult to recycle. They are becoming more of a useful scrap component these days by being used in playgrounds and things but they are still a difficult component to get rid of."

A spokesman for Northamptonshire County Council said: "It's unusual for householders to dispose of tyres themselves as it is standard practice for the old tyre to be taken by the garage or tyre retailer.

"Because of their classification as difficult waste, tyres have to be taken to our specialist waste facility at Brackmills where a nominal fee is charged."

■ **THEFTS** of scrap metal, car batteries and catalytic converters from vehicles in rural parts of the county are on the increase, police have warned.

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MORE than 17,000 people in Northamptonshire who claim long-term incapacity benefit are to be reassessed to try to get many of them working again.

The Government announced it wanted to end a "one size fits all approach" to people with illness and disabilities.

It means 6,170 people in Northampton and 17,290 across the county will have their circumstances scrutinised over the next three years to see what kind of work they are capable of doing, if any.

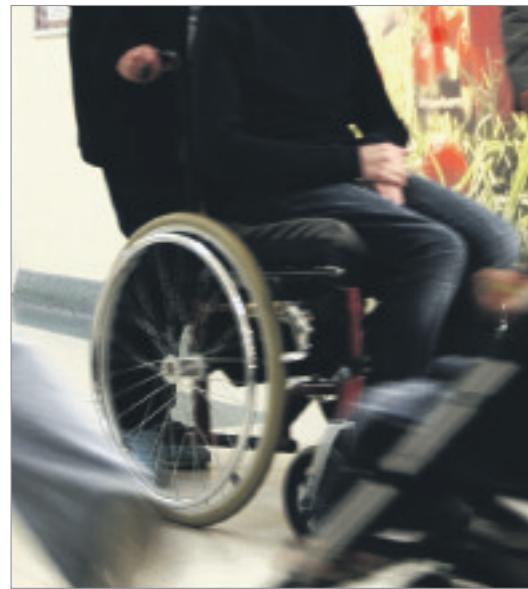
A spokeswoman for the Department of Work and Pensions said: "Ministers are determined to reform the welfare system and help those who have been previously written off get back to work and regain their independence."

Incapacity Benefit claimants will have a Work Capability Assessment (WCA), which determines what a person can do as opposed to what they cannot. The most severely disabled and people who are terminally ill will not be expected to look for work and will get extra help through the new Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). But anyone reassessed and found fit for work will be moved onto Jobseekers Allowance and expected to look for work.

Chris Grayling, minister for employment, said: "I cannot stress strongly enough that this is not about forcing people back to work if they are genuinely unable to do so."

"Nor are we tied into specific financial targets about the number of people we need to get back to work. This is about finding out who we can help. Perhaps to do something different to what they did previously, but still to do something more with their lives."

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ABOUT 30 people queued up early to be the first customers inside the new Tesco store which opened in Northampton town centre on Monday.

More than 1,200 people passed through the tills of the new Metro supermarket in Abington Street before it was officially opened at 10am, with some even queuing for its 8am opening to be first through the doors. The supermarket, which will add to the nine Tesco stores already in Northampton, is on the site of the former Woolworths store and has created 80 jobs.

Peggy Slatter, personnel manager, said: "We had a really good atmosphere. When we opened we clapped the customers as they came in and sang good morning. We have had a lot of good feedback."

Nick Malloy, store manager, said he was convinced the store would be good for other local businesses: "More people will come to the town and people will still use local butchers and bakers. We have found in other places when a Tesco has opened up it has been a boost to local business-

es as well."

Northampton Mayor Marianne Taylor cut the ribbon for the opening ceremony and also accepted a cheque from Tesco for £1,000 for the Mayor's Charity, which will be donated to Home Start Northampton and the Crazy Hats Breast Cancer Appeal.

She said: "Woolworths was a very central place where people met up and I think there will be a similar atmosphere around Tesco and it will make people see Northampton is a happening town."

Anu Shenoy, aged 29, a mail sorter who lives in Northampton House, was among the hundreds passing the new store's threshold early yesterday morning. She said: "I was quite excited about the opening. I live two minutes away so it is going to be really convenient for me and will be more affordable."

Mary Fensome, aged 39, a financial advisor from Wootton, visited the store on her day off, said: "It is a lot bigger than I expected and will be very convenient when we are shopping."

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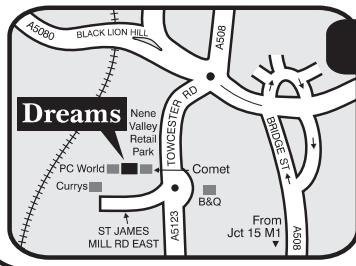
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£9m plan to help buses



DETAILS of a £9 million new "demand-led" bus service are being put together by Northamptonshire County Council.

As part of the authority's £73 million budget cuts earlier this year, the county council cut £1.4 million from bus subsidies across the county.

But now, the authority has published details of a new public transportation framework which would run from June this year until June 2014, with the contract worth an estimated value of £9 million.

Details of how the new bus sys-

tem would work are still sketchy, but the council's cabinet member for transport, Councillor Heather Smith (*Con, Prebenal*) said it could see school buses used to pick up residents who have pre-booked journeys after the bus has finished the school run.

She said: "The intention is that we'll look at trying to utilise some of the home-to-school transport services more, so that after the buses have dropped the children off at school they're then available to take people where they want to go in the county."

"After all, it doesn't make sense to have buses driving back from

schools empty when there are people who want to get about places."

It is hoped the new bus system will be similar to one in the north of the county which has already been trialed successfully.

It is planned that the system would operate in five parts of the county, including rural areas, where public transport is scarce.

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Band gets call-up for top festival

INDIE-FOLK band My First Tooth will be heading to Glastonbury this summer after being picked from more 7,000 bands all hoping to play at the iconic festival.

The Northampton-based act took to the stage last Saturday night, competing in the Glastonbury Emerging Talent Contest. While they did not win a place on the main stage, all eight acts impressed festival organiser Michael Eavis enough to secure a place at the festival.

Singer and guitarist, Ross Witt, said: "It's fantastic to have a place at Glastonbury; it's a festival I've always wanted to play at. To get down to the final 123 bands was an achievement enough, so this is even better."

About 7,200 bands entered the contest, before a panel of 40 music bloggers compiled a long list of 123 acts.

This was whittled down to

a short list of eight bands by judges, which included festival organiser Mr Eavis and his daughter, Emily.

Saturday's performance was at Pilton Working Men's Club, near the main festival site.

My First Tooth were competing against My Tiger, My Timing, Emily And The Woods, Twin Brother, Louise And The Pins, Treetop Flyers, Tristram and J Treole.

Ross said: "At the end of the night, Michael Eavis got on the stage and announced the winner; at the same time saying that all the bands would be playing at the festival."

Treetop Flyers were chosen as winners and will play on the main stage at the festival in June.

This year's festival will be headlined by U2, Coldplay and Beyoncé.

Ross is joined in My First Tooth by Jo Collis, Sophie Galpin and Gareth Amwel Jones.



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church, and I remember four years ago, when I was staying with my parents, I cycled past the church and thought it would be lovely to work there."

Since moving in to the vicarage, Mr Coles has been offering support to members of Finedon Dolben Cricket Club who were on the club's tour of Majorca last week when one of the club's sponsors, Thomas Swannell, was arrested on suspicion of murder after a man's death in an alleged bar brawl.

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The noisy spectacle was in aid of the annual Terry Wire April Fools Harley-Davidson Run, which raises money for Cynthia Spencer Hospice in Northampton.

The bikers, who had travelled from all over the county as well as Buckinghamshire, Leicestershire and Yorkshire, met at Six-

fields before being escorted by police to Northampton town centre.

Terry Wire, a former firefighter and ex-Mayor of Northampton, started the rally seven years ago in conjunction with Dave Barger, of Northants V-Twin in St James, Northampton.

This year's event raised a total of £2,407 for the hospice, and Mr Wire said: "It's a worthwhile cause for which we have already raised more than £20,000."

"It wouldn't be possible without the bikers. They really get on board and have a great time."

"We're really grateful for the co-operation of the police, and local authorities and the Cobblers."

Sue Bownass, community fund-raiser for the hospice, said:

"It's a really wonderful, fantastic spectacle."

"There were crowds of people either side of the street waving and cheering them all on when they arrived on their bikes together. "I think it was the most we have ever seen. It's great for the town centre too because it brings so many people out to have a good look."

Terry organised the first event shortly after being diagnosed with cancer eight years ago and is supported by the hospice.

He added: "An event like this really gives you a good lift, especially knowing that it is all for a great cause."

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Chris Holmes, director at

Northamptonshire Sport, said "The Run '11 is the ideal mass participation event to engage with the local community."

"And with London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games around the corner, we hope to use it to create a legacy of sports participation here in Northamptonshire."

With hopes of attracting well over 3,000 participants this year, organisers are keen

to stress the event is open to everyone, regardless of experience.

Anyone interested in entering is invited to sign up either on-line at www.the-run.org or to look out for one of the entry forms that will be circulating county gyms, libraries, council receptions and country parks.

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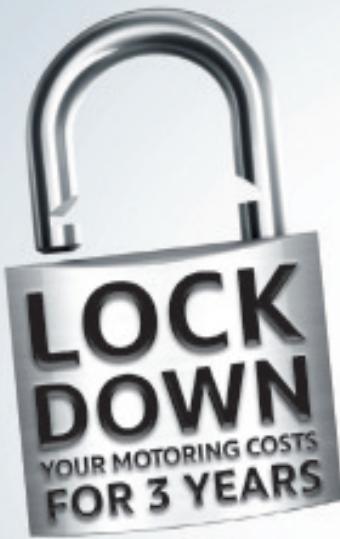


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Head of midwifery, Anne Thomas, said: "We are all absolutely delighted and are very proud of our award, which acknowledges the safe, quality care we endeavour to provide to the women who use our service."

"The team of eight midwives and obstetricians, led by our governance matron, Christine Ainsworth, worked long and hard to review records and gather the evidence for the rigorous assessment."

Having already achieved level one in 2009 with a 100 per cent score, passing last month's assessment meant maternity staff reached level two.

It meant NGH was judged to have high standards and presented a lower risk to women, which is good both for moth-

ers and babies and also good for the hospital's finances.

It represented a saving to the trust of £389,000 per year in insurance premiums.

Christine Ainsworth said: "We were very pleased with our achievement in the level one assessment.

"However we knew we deserved to be a level two unit."

"Over the last 18 months we have implemented a number of quality initiatives, including new maternity records and a state-of-the-art clinical IT system, which have enabled us to come forward early for our reassessment."

"Success at the level two assessment demonstrates that the guidelines and processes assessed at level one have been implemented. This gives assurance, not only to the NHSLA but also to women and families, that the care provided by the maternity service at NGH is underpinned by quality and safety."

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Music

Bullys boys return for headline set

CLUB Sessions return to the Roadmender in Northampton this week with a headline set by Audio Bullys. The electronic music duo of Simon Franks and Tom Dinsdale – aka Audio Bullys – will be stomping their way to Northampton for a full live performance.

The Roadmender will be transformed with an upgraded audio and lighting set-up, creating an audio and visual feast for the senses, befitting one of the most influential acts on the electronic

music scene. Responsible for massive hits such as, *We Don't Care* and the Nancy Sinatra rework *Shot You Down*, the Audio Bullys released their third album, *Higher Than The Eiffel*, in March last year. It featured a collaboration with Suggs.

Club Sessions have previously brought headline shows to the Roadmender by acts such as LTJ Bukem, Stanton Warriors, Pendulum, Steve Angello, Plumb DJs, Adam Freeland, Annie Mac and Eric Prydz.

Supporting them on the night will be residents Suspect, Little Jo and D'Arcy with Moist hosting the front room. Audio Bullys play The Roadmender tomorrow. Standard tickets cost £13.50, however, VIP packages are available. Doors open at 9pm and the night runs until 3am. To book tickets, visit www.ticket-tailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/451/chk/f6bd. For more information, visit www.club-sessions.co.uk

'70s group to play their greats



ONE of the most successful groups of the 1970s heads to Royal and Derngate in Northampton next week. 10cc will be playing hit after hit, including the number ones *Rubber Bullets*, *I'm Not In Love* and *Dreadlock Holiday*, as well as *Donna*, *Art For Art's Sake*, *Good Morning Judge*, *The Things We Do For Love*, *I'm Mandy Fly Me*, *Life is a Minestrone*, *The Dean and I* and *The Wall Street Shuffle*.

The band is out on tour following the release of their latest album, *The Greatest Number Ones...and More*. 10cc will take to the Derngate stage in Northampton on Thursday, April 7.

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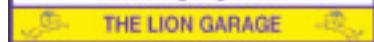
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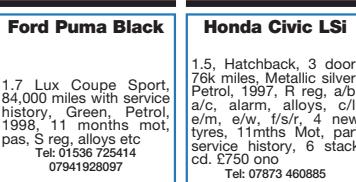
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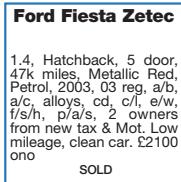
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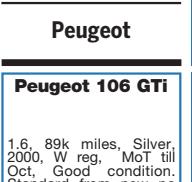
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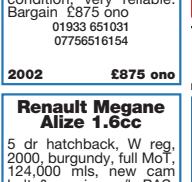
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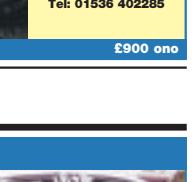
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 1.6, Hatchback, 5 door, 87k miles, Silver, Petrol, 2003, 03 reg, cd, e/m, e/w, s/r, Excellent condition, 13 months MOT, 1 owner till end of April. Rear spoiler, Has service history. £900 ono Tel: 01536 402285
1999 £900 ono

Renault Scenic Privilege

 1.6, Hatchback, 5dr, 13.7k miles, V reg, cd, e/m, e/w, s/r, 12 months MOT, 1 owner from new, 12months tax, service history, tan leather interior, double s/roof, fold mirrors, s/wheel never used, immaculate condition all round. Should be viewed. SOLD
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Saab 9-3 Aero

 2.0, Hatchback, 5 door, 156,000 miles, Dark beige, Petrol, 2000, S reg, Saab Hot 8 (205bhp) with Aero trim - full black leather interior, factory alloys, climate control, excellent condition throughout. No test drive. £1,700 ono Tel: 01604715500
2000 £1,700 ono

Saab**Saab 9-3 Vector Sport**

1.8i, Saloon, 4 door, 34,000 miles, Grey, Petrol, 2005, 55 reg, 3/4 leather interior, alloy wheels, 6 CD changer, dual climate control, A/C, cruise control, full electric windows, rear parking sensors, full service history, new tyres all round.. £6,500 obo Tel: 07881 626613

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Vauxhall**Vauxhall**

Vauxhall Corsa SXI 1.2, Hatchback, 3 door, 67,500 miles, Blue, Petrol, 2002, 12 Months MOT, 6 Months Tax, £2,195 obo Tel: 01604 947065

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£2,195 obo

Vauxhall Vectra LS

2.0 Turbo Diesel, Hatchback, 5 door, Metallic grey, 2001, 51 reg, a/c, cd, c/l, e/m, e/w, p/a/s, 2 front airbags, service history, MOT till Sept, tax till May, good condition, £995 obo Tel: 01604 696362 07809 630534

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Vauxhall Meriva Design 1.4, 83,000 gentle miles, Metallic blue, Petrol, 2005, 55 reg, a/c, alloys, cruise control, full Vauxhall service history, Tax until July, MOT until September, recent tyres, 2 elec/s roofs etc. £1995 Tel: 01858 535425 or 07905 722130

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£1995



Vauxhall Vectra LS 1.8, Hatchback, 5 door, metallic red, petrol, R reg, MOT 11 months, Tax just expired, Good reliable runner.

Tel: 07702988732

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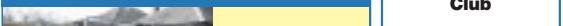
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Vauxhall Vectra Club 1.7TD, Estate, 5 door, 85,000 miles, silver, Diesel, 2005, 55 reg, cd, e/m, e/w, 6 months Tax, MOT, good condition, service history, £3000 obo Tel: 07872 622012

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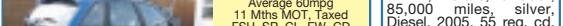
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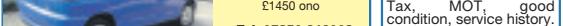
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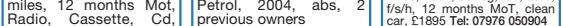
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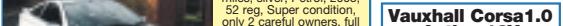
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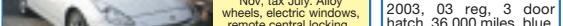
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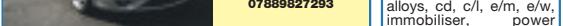
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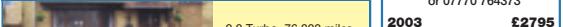
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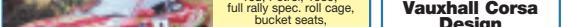
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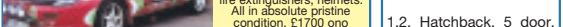
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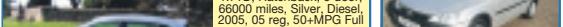
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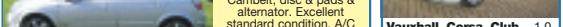
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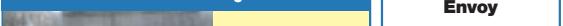
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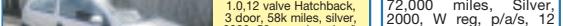
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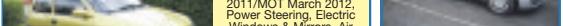
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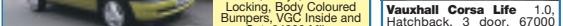
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Family Announcements

Births

BARTRAM to Tom and Allyson & Son Rory, a Brother to Megan. Born 29th March at the Radcliffe, Oxford.



Harry Richard Shelswell

Congratulations to Ashley and Michelle on the safe arrival of our new grandson. Brother to Tyler and Annie. Love Mum and Dad.



Births

CAROLINE & AARON FARMER

Congratulations on the birth of **Elisia Sarah**

born Sunday 3rd April, weighing 8lbs.

A loving Sister for Jenna and a much loved Granddaughter to Freda and Jack Elston.

Love from
Julia, Paul & Alia
xxxx

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WILSON

Dale and Kelly (nee Robinson) are proud to announce the safe arrival of

Harry Peter on 31st March 2011 at 8.56pm, weighing 9lbs 9oz.

A very welcome Brother for Corey and second Grandson for John and Marie and Ian and Jane. Congratulations xx

18th Birthday



NATASHA GREEN
Congratulations on your 18th Birthday
Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Lauren and all the family

Congratulations

O'CALLAGHAN MEGHAN

Happy 18th Meghan
Love you now and always will Mum
xxx.



BEDDING and WARNER

Congratulations Vince and Lisa on your Wedding Day, Saturday 2nd April 2011. Health and happiness always. Love from Mum, Dad, Nicola, Ricky, Kai, Ava, Mel, Simon and Ashley. xxxx.

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On Your Engagement in Australia.
Wishing you all the best for the future
Down Under!
Love from all the Family & Friends
xxxx

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Barbara & Michael Kearns

Happy 50th Wedding

Anniversary on the 3rd April 2011!
Lots of love from your children, grandchildren and all the family xxxxx



Wedding Anniversaries

David & Jill Hammond

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Congratulations, Love & Best Wishes. Kay & Azy, Ian & Marea, Katherine, David, Jonathon, Emily, James & Skye.



Golden Wedding



Julie & Reg KNIGHT

Golden Wedding. 3rd April 1961.

Congratulations & best wishes.

May you have many more happy years to come.

Karen, Paul, Terri, Kev, Ryan, Vicki, Liam, Sarah & Jacob x Heather, Dave, Suzanne & Lee. Chrissie, Margaret & all the family.

Obituaries

BARBER Delia

Passed away peacefully 3rd April 2011 aged 75 Finally at peace & reunited with loved ones

Much loved Wife of the late Brian Treasured Mother of Paula and the late Paul Mother-in-Law to Vic Devoted Grandmother to Mark, Kirsty, Scott, Matthew & Sam Great Grandmother to Ben, Louise, Mia & Chloe

"Precious memories never die"

xxxxxx

Golden Wedding



ALCOCK

On April 3rd 1961 at St. Peter's Church, Weedon, Richard John to Ruth (nee Grey). Congratulations from Pat, Margot, Richard and all the Family.

Golden Wedding



TERRY FOWKES

Happy Birthday love Chris, Lawrence, Gem, Sarah, Jay, Kyra, Bobbi, Maddi, Seb, Jl and Ronnie xxxx

Mary and Alfie Cadden

03/04/1961

Congratulations Mum and Dad on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. Lots of Love from Ciaran, Maeve, Michelle, Paul & Families xxx



Obituaries

ETHERIDGE

Dearest Brother-in-law of Irene and the late Eric, Uncle of Stephen, Julie, Paula & Families. Will be remembered with our fondest love. God Bless Brian x.

ETHERIDGE

Brian George M.B.E (My Ball Etheridge) Much respected and valued player and member of O.N Chenecks F.C. Will be sadly missed but always remembered. From all his team mates.

KING Eva

Passed away on 27th March 2011, aged 92 years. Much loved Mother of Brian and Christine.

The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 5th April 2011, 2pm at The Counties Crematorium, Milton. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be sent for Bugbrooke Church to John White Funeral Directors, 188 Watling Street East, Towcester

MOBBS

— Sheila. Died 28th March 2011. Dear Sister in law to John and Rita, Jackie and Arnold and Daphne. Auntie to their families. God bless. x

PARTRIDGE

— May Irene (Overstone) aged 99 years. Died peacefully on 24th March 2011 at Abington Park View Residential Care Home. Beloved Wife of the late Edward (Ted) and a dear Aunt to her Nephew and Nieces and their Families. The funeral will be held at St. Nicholas Church, Overstone at 11am on Tuesday 12th April 2011. Flowers or donations to this church, may be sent to Ann Bonham & Son, 71 St. Giles Street, Northampton.

PAYNE

— Don. Very dear friend for nearly 60 years of Joy and the late Dennis. Goodnight Don and God bless.

TWIST

— Desmond. On 30th March at Northampton General Hospital. Dearest Brother of Margaret and Brother-in-law of John, passed peacefully away. Will be sadly missed.

WALTERS

— John. You will be sadly missed by us all. God bless. Love Jean and Families.

WALTERS John

School mate, Old mate, Real mate. One of the best after 8 hard years, At peace at last. Well Done to Ange and Family from Martin, Christine and Frances.



Acknowledgements Acknowledgements

CHATER Richard

Pam, Nick, Nigel, Mary and Family would like to thank all who attended the Service, and thanks for all the cards, flowers and donations received in the loss of Richard.

Special thanks to Lee of Abington Funeral Services for his superb care and attention.

Special thanks to Daventry Police and the Daventry Bell ringers who were there at the time. Thanks also to the Reverend Sue Kipling for a lovely Service.

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MAJOR Madge

Veronica and Mick wish to thank family and friends for their cards, donations and messages of sympathy received in our sad loss. Special thanks to staff and nurses of Becket Ward for their loving care and kindness shown to Mum. Also to Doctor Supple, Brook Health Centre for also looking after Mum for many years, and also all of her very kind carers, also to John White, The Funeral Directors and the Vicar for putting on a beautiful service.

PILLIPPS — Reg. Suddenly passed away. Great friend to Col, Angie and Family. Our deepest sympathy to Margaret, Dave, Julie and Families. "Reg, we don't know if you were on foot or horseback." xx.

WATSON Sidney

The Family of the late Sidney Watson wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours who attended the Funeral, and also for the cards and donations for Ashton Church. Thank you to the Doctors at the Roads Practice, the Carers from I.C.C.M., The District Nurses, for their support for two years. Lynn from MacMillan Nurses, Beth and Staff from Hospice At Home, and special thanks to Sue, Ellen, Joe and Maggie from Age concern for their wonderful support to Sidney and Margaret. The Reverend M. Burton for the lovely Funeral Service, and B. Hollowell and Son Funeral Directors for the arranging of the Funeral.

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In Memoriam

ANDERSON John

1st April 1999. A beautiful memory, dearer than gold of a Husband and Father whose worth can never be told.

Love you always John, Pat, Julie, Jane, Glyn and Sami. xxx

CANNELL Robin

02.04.04 Seven years have passed since we said goodbye. Our memories of you will never die. Love always. Wendy, Steve and Troy xxx

CANNELL Robin

Still missing you Dad. Love Michelle, Tyrone and Cheryl-Anne xxx

DICKENS Helen Isabel

07/04/09 Always in my thoughts, Missing you Mum. Love Karen xx

ETHERIDGE Brian George

Passed away at home on March 26th 2011 aged 67 years

Loving Husband of Pauline Much loved Father of Penny and Sarah Devoted Grandfather of Thomas and Matthew

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GOODRICH
Bruce

Died 07.04.2010
Missing you more
than ever.
Love you lots
Mum

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GOODSON
John

Sunrise 10-3-1924
Sunset 3-4-2010

Dearest Husband to Grace.
Loving Dad of Lynne, David & Alana.
Devoted and proud Pap of Emma & Hope.

The month of April comes with sad regret,
It brings back the day we would rather forget.
You passed away without good bye,
But our treasured memories of you will never die.
We quietly remember you with love everyday
And know in our hearts that
You are never far away.

Love always.

MCCLELLAND —
Rose. In memory of our
dear Mum who passed
away on April 1st 1980.
Always remembered by
her loving Son Jimmy,
Daughter-in-Law Rose
and family.

MUSGROVE
Vera Maud

04-04-2006.
A dear Mum
remembered
with love today
and everyday.
Now reunited
with Dad.
Love from
Ann, Maurice,
Terry and Colin.

UNDERWOOD
Barry
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Only seems like
yesterday,
will be loved and
remembered always.
Your loving Wife
Irene, Children Sue,
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Phil and Des and
Grandchildren.
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Loving Husband,
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Fell asleep
4th April 2009.
Special memories
I have of you
wrapped up with a
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with all my heart,
my love, we could of
shared a few more
years. Love you
forever Eileen x



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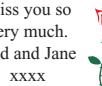
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reminds us of the
memories we shared,
the memories we
never had and the
deep sense of loss
we carry.



In Memoriam

WALSH
George
1932-1999
Never more than
a thought away.
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Sport



Cobblers striker Guillem Bauza is under there somewhere after he was mobbed following his goal in the 1-1 draw at Burton Albion

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Johnson's confident of Cobblers survival

GARY Johnson is confident the Cobblers will have enough to survive in the Football League this season.

Town drew 1-1 at Burton Albion on Tuesday night, with the home side cancelling out Guillem Bauza's smartly-taken goal to take a share of the spoils in an encounter in which both sides looked nervous and short of confidence.

It is a result that puts Northampton five points clear of the npower League Two bottom two, and although it does consume their game in hand on Barnet and Stockport, a stronger goal dif-

ference gives them a further advantage over those sides.

The club will also today be informed of the punishment meted out to Hereford United for fielding an ineligible player in their game against Torquay – if the Bulls are deducted three points, they too will go below Johnson's men.

"We don't know how important these odd points are going to be later in the season at this moment in time," he said.

"What we're doing as a staff is to make sure we don't get really dragged into it (the relegation battle). We've still got a decent goal difference so that puts us six points ahead of the bottom

two really so they've got to win two more than us in the last six games.

"That's still a difficult feat but we're confident we will have enough to avoid being involved in anything like that."

"That doesn't mean I'm not worried about it. Last night the players reacted well and showed good mental strength in what was a big game for us."

The Cobblers boss admitted a draw was a fair result at the Pirelli Stadium, where his side did not do enough with a string of opportunities they had to produce something at a set-piece.

"I wasn't pleased with a point because we came to get a win but I think a draw was probably a fair result,"

he said. "Both teams tried to get the ball into the box but because they're both nervous and low on confidence it wasn't really going in with a great deal of quality."

"We had lots of set plays and we didn't quite get the ball on the button."

"We maybe just lacked a bit of quality because of the tension of the game."

"The one fantastic bit of quality gave us our goal but we need to see more of that because that will win us games."

The Cobblers are back at Sixfields on Saturday when they take on promotion-chasing Bury (ko 3pm).

Mallinder demands more

SAINTS may have put 50 points past Sale, but director of rugby Jim Mallinder insists a repeat of that showing won't be good enough against Ulster on Sunday.

Mallinder's men take on the Irish province in a Heineken Cup quarter-final at stadium: mk on the back of three successive wins in the Aviva Premiership.

The latest against Sale saw them run in eight tries, but four of them came when Sale were down to 14 men after Neil Briggs had been sent off, and up until then the Sharks made several breaks, scoring two tries themselves.

Mallinder knows such lapses in defence will be punished by an Ulster side that registered a sixth successive win at the weekend and sit second in the Magners League.

And it will be something Saints will be working on this week as they prepare for the club's first home quarter-final since 2000 when they beat Wasps at Franklin's Gardens and went on to win the Heineken Cup for the first and, so far, only time.

Mallinder said: "We are going to have to be better in defence than we were against Sale on Saturday.

"I watched Ulster beat Scarlets on TV and I was impressed with them, they have gone through a very good run of form of late and won a lot of games."

"It is going to be tough, but we have played well in Europe up to now. We have won six out of six, it is a home game for us and we will have the majority of the fans behind us, so it is up to us."

"It will be a real tough game, but it is one we are capable of winning."

Saints trained at stadium: mk last Tuesday in a bid to get used to the pitch, which will be extended to the same size as Franklin's Gardens. It's a good surface and Mallinder is expecting a pacy game.

"It will be hard and fast," he said. "The pitch is hard and very similar to the one at the Gardens, it will make for a good game."

The game is being screened live on Sky Sports 2.

